TIGER Program: Lessons Learned

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**TIGER Discretionary Grants**

**Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery**

– Initially a component of ARRA (2009)
  • $1.5 billion multimodal program

– National Infrastructure Investments (2010)
  • $600 million multimodal program
  • Up to $35 million for planning
TIGER I & II Overview

Primary Selection Criteria
1. State of Good Repair
2. Economic Competitiveness
3. Livability
4. Sustainability
5. Safety
TIGER Discretionary Grants

Review by Partnership for Sustainable Communities
TIGER I & II: Overview

• TIGER I
  – 1400+ Applications Received
  – Approximately $60B requested
  – 51 applications selected

• TIGER II - Capital
  – 1000 Applications Received
  – Approximately $19B requested
  – 42 applications selected
TIGER II Projects by Type

- Road: 29%
- Transit: 26%
- Rail: 20%
- Port: 16%
- Bike & Pedestrian: 4%
- Planning: 5%
TIGER I & II: Overview

- Planning Grants – HUD & DOT
  - TIGER II Planning Grants, HUD Community Challenge Grants
    - 850 applications received
    - 1.2B amount requested
    - 61 Planning grants awarded
Lessons Learned: Process

• Notice of Funding Availability
• Capacity of Applicants
• Application Process
• Combination Grants
• Performance Measures
Lessons Learned: Applicants

• Address Criteria
• Federal Funding Requirements
• Leveraging funding sources
• Partnerships
• Primary & Secondary Benefits
Lessons Learned: Moving Forward

• Competitive grants can get most bang for Federal buck
• Clear that there is overwhelming demand
• Removing barriers between modes and agencies
Thank you for your time

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